

Dear Parent and Carers,

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to school after our Christmas break. As we are experiencing freezing conditions, I would ask that all children come to school with suitable, warm jackets. When the underfoot conditions improve, we will endeavour to get the children back out in to the playground.

It has been a lovely experience hearing the children speak so fondly about their holidays and gifts that they received. I would politely request that Christmas gifts remain at home because in school accidents happen and items can be broken or go missing.

In addition to this, I would like to place a gentle reminder that school uniform should be worn at all times. On gym days, children can come to school in their PE kit, however, this should consist of a St. Nicholas school sweater.

For any families requiring items of pre-loved school uniform, please contact the school office.

If you have any questions about ongoing events, please contact the school office on 0141 955 2222 or office@st-nicholas.e-dunbarton.sch.uk.

Kind regards,

Martyn Glancy

Head Teacher

SFA Football Sessions

We have been able to secure a 10 week block of SFA football sessions for children from Primary 1 – Primary 4. These sessions will take place throughout the school day and will take place on the pitch so children should bring appropriate clothing to school.

In addition to this, our Primary 5 children will participate in an after-school football club (3pm-4pm). Again, children should bring appropriate clothing for playing outside on the pitch. I would politely request that children wear only international football tops to the after-school session.

The sessions will begin on Tuesday 21st January and run until Tuesday 1st April.

Primary 4 – Beat Buddies

Our Primary 4 pupils will participate in their Beat Buddies sessions this term. Sessions are delivered by Graeme Barclay. This involves exploring rhythm through musical instruments delivered through the context of modern music.

Attendance

Research shows that attendance at school is essential to ensuring children achieve their potential. Attendance below 90% can have a detrimental impact on pupil progress. Over the coming weeks, the school will be reviewing attendance and looking to support families where this is identified as being low. Our aim is to work with families, where this is the case, to improve attendance.

Free School Meals and Free Clothing Grant

We recognise that circumstances can change very quickly for families. You can check if you are entitled to free school meals and free clothing grant by clicking on this link.

<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/grants/school-clothing-grant>

Where your child receives free lunches as part of the Scottish Government's scheme for Primary 1 – Primary 5 children, and you still meet the criteria for Free School Meals/ Clothing Grant, I would urge you to apply if you have not already done so.

Please contact me at the school if you have any questions about this.

Key Dates

January and February 2025

Date	Event
Thursday 16 th January at 6.30pm	First Confessions meeting with Parents in gym hall – Fr. John and Fr. Michael
Tuesday 21 st January	SFA Football begins
Thursday 30 th January at 6.30pm	First Confirmation meeting with parents in gym hall – Fr. John and Fr. Michael
Friday 24 th January	Achievement Assembly
Tuesday 28 th January at 2.15pm	P6.2 Reading Café
Tuesday 28 th January at 6.30pm-8pm	Parent Council Meeting at Bearsden Academy
Friday 31 st January at 2.15pm	P2 Class Assembly
Tuesday 4 th February at 2.15pm	P5.2 Reading Café
Thursday 6 th February at 6.30pm	First Communion Parent Meeting with Fr. Michael and Fr. John.
Friday 7 th February at 9.30am	First Friday Mass with P7 at St. Joseph's
Friday 7 th February at 2.15pm	P7.2 Assembly
Thursday 13 th February at 2.15pm	P7.1 Reading Café
Friday 14 th February at 2.15pm	P6.1 Assembly
Friday 28 th February	Achievement Assembly